

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

June 10, 2015

Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Pam Hicks, Nancy Stewart, Trevor Yager

Members via teleconference: Kathy Anderson

Members absent: None

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commission Chair Trevor Yager opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Commissioner Nancy Stewart moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the March 20, 2015 meeting of the Executive Committee. Commissioner Kathy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Financials.**

A. Arts Commission Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2015 budget, current through May 31, 2015.

B. Ms. Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the projected FY 2015 year-end budget.

C. Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the proposed FY 2016 budget. He also presented handouts (attached) explaining "AOS and APS Budget Approach for FY 2015 – 2016" and "Allocation Levels". In brief, the documents show that there are more organizations that have qualified for operating support in FY 2016 than in FY 2015, and several organizations that have moved up in the funding hierarchy, while the total grant pool remains the same as in FY 2015. Commissioner Stewart moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the proposed FY 2016 budget. Commissioner Pam Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Mr. Ricci presented handouts showing the proposed grant funding for FY 2016 in the categories of Individual Artist Program, Arts Operating Support, Arts Project

Support, Regional Arts Partners, Regional Initiative Grants, Traditional Arts Indiana, and Partnering Arts, Communities and Education. All of the proposed grants have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Programs, Grants and Services Committee. Commissioner Stewart moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the FY 2016 grants as presented. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. New Program Funding and Guidelines.

A. Mr. Ricci presented a handout ("Summary of PACE Partnership", attached) showing the proposed funding for the Partnering Arts, Communities and Education (PACE) program for school year 2015 – 2016. Planning phase funds have been paid to the four partnering organizations. Mr. Ricci requested that the Executive Committee recommend that the PACE Advisory Committee be given authority to proceed with funding approval for the implementation phase. Commissioner Pam Hicks moved to recommend approval by the full Commission for authorizing the PACE Advisory Committee to release implementation funds to the participating organizations. Commissioner Kathy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Mr. Ricci presented the final drafts (attached) of guidelines for the Indiana Masterpieces and Arts in the Parks programs. Commissioner Anderson moved to recommend approval by the full Commission of the guidelines for these two programs. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Advocacy Report

Mr. Ricci reported that the ad-hoc Advocacy Advisory Committee has completed its work for 2015. He praised the work of former Commission chairs Jim Bodenmiller, Dick Stifel, Jeanne Mirro and Jon Ford.

6. Strategic Plan Progress.

Mr. Ricci announced that Commissioner Sherry Stark will chair the Strategic Planning Committee. In that capacity, she has already met with four consultants who will be donating their services to the Arts Commission for this process; they are Brian Blackford, Miah Michaelson, Sara Peterson and Susan Zurbuchen. A timeline for the Strategic Planning process will be presented at the June 19 meeting of the full Commission.

7. Commission Appointments and Leadership for FY 2016

A. Mr. Ricci reported that, as yet, there have been no new appointments by the Office of the Governor to fill four upcoming vacancies in the Commission.

B. The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the Arts Commission in FY 2016: Nancy Stewart, Chair; Kathy Anderson, Vice-

Chair; Linda Levell, Secretary. A ballot vote will be taken at the June 19 meeting of the Commission.

C. Commissioner Sherry Stark will chair the Committee on the Future for FY 2016, by virtue of her position as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. The position of chair of the Programs, Grants and Services Committee will be determined after the membership has been established.

8. Cultural Trust.

Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the current balance of the Arts Trust fund to be \$2,814,765.65

9. Other Items of Concern for Quarterly Business Meeting.

Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) explaining the recommended new policy for audits of Regional Arts Partners and Arts Operating Support Grantees. In brief, the Arts Commission will no longer require a grantee organization to submit an annual audit. Advisory work for the new policy was offered by Commissioners Susan Hardwick and Alan Platt. Commissioner Hicks moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the new policy as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Old Business/New Business.

There was no old business. There was no new business.

11. Adjourn. Commissioner Yager thanked everyone for their support during his two-year tenure as Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.